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MAYOR ERIN STEWART ANNOUNCES BEEHIVE BRIDGE FESTIVAL

NEW BRITAIN – Mayor Erin E. Stewart, Parks and Recreation Chairman Patrick Dorsey, and the New Britain Parks, Recreation, & Community Services Department are pleased to announce the Beehive Bridge Festival will be on Friday, September 18th from 5:00pm-10:00pm. This socially distanced event is a celebration of the one year anniversary of the dedication of the Beehive Bridge in Downtown New Britain and will feature live entertainment, Five Churches and Alvarium breweries, and various food trucks.

“This is going to be an awesome event,” said Mayor Stewart. “Despite all of the difficulties Coronavirus has presented us this year, we thought it was important to return to some sense of normalcy, and offer up a fun event for the public – highlighting our award winning and beautiful Beehive Bridge. We are confident that we can hold this event safely and still provide an enjoyable and entertaining night for all.” Mayor Stewart continued, “The Beehive Bridge has become synonymous with New Britain. It is important for us to celebrate its success and hold an event letting everyone in Connecticut know that our City is thriving and open for business.”

The event will begin with a happy hour from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in which various food trucks: Deb’s Café, Criollisimo Restaurant, Keiffer Kettle Korn, and East Coast Pizza Truck will be offering up tasty treats for purchase. The live entertainment portion of the event starts with Shaded Soul from 6:00pm -7:30pm and ends with headliner Soul Sound Revue from 8:00pm – 9:30pm. Attendees can expect a night filled with the hottest nine-piece Motown show this side of Detroit - performing the greatest hits of The Four Tops, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, Earth Wind & Fire, and many more in the true “Motown Tradition.” With all its flash and finery, reminiscent of a time when a band’s looks were as important as their sound, Soul Sound Revue’s three lead vocalists explode onto the stage backed by a power house rhythm and horn section!

“Experience the New continues in New Britain!” said Recreation and Community Services Director Erik Barbieri. “Under Mayor Stewart’s leadership we continue to find ways to have fun and celebrate our community in a safe and organized way. The tables are being reserved at a very fast rate so get yours today!”

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, masks will be required to be worn for admission into the event and when not seated at a table. Tables will be placed twelve feet apart and there will also be handwashing and sanitizing stations available throughout the event. Admission to the event will be \$15.00 per person in advance as walk up sales will not be allowed. For the safety of all attendees, table reservations of 4 (high-top) or 8 (seated) will be required.

Parking for the event will be offered free of charge at either the Badolato Garage at 25 Washington Street or Szczesny Garage at 35 Bank Street. This event is for persons 21 years of age and older. Food and beverages will be sold separately but admission includes 1 free drink ticket. The rain date for this event is Saturday, September 19th.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Parks and Recreation Department by phone at 860-826-3360, in person at the office, located at 27 West Main Street in Room 302, Monday thru Friday 8:15am-3:45pm or online at www.nbparksnrec.org.

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